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To require that the aircraft used as Air Force One by the President be an aircraft that is made in America by an American-owned company.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Air Force One Built
5 in America Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Presidential jets, known as Air Force One
9 when the President is on board, have stood as a
10 symbol of national pride and have showcased Amer-

1 ica's manufacturing ingenuity domestically and
2 around the world since the early 1960s.

3 (2) America's aerospace industry leader, Boe-
4 ing, has nearly 100 years of experience designing
5 aircraft, and if asked to build an aircraft equivalent
6 to any existing foreign aircraft, it would meet that
7 challenge.

8 (3) American taxpayers should not have their
9 tax dollars shipped to a foreign company to build an
10 aircraft that will be used by their President.

11 (4) Outsourcing the production of a presidential
12 aircraft that will contain important command and
13 control military capabilities to a foreign company
14 constitutes a national security risk.

15 (5) EADS, the parent company of Airbus,
16 which is currently the only other company capable of
17 building an aircraft as sophisticated as Air Force
18 One, has a demonstrably poor track record against
19 United States security interests, including efforts to
20 sell military helicopters to Iran in 2005 and efforts
21 to sell American-made military aircraft and tech-
22 nology in 2006 to Venezuela without the permission
23 of the United States, which is in violation of United
24 States law. A company with this kind of history

1 should not be building the Nation’s most important
2 military command and control aircraft.

3 (6) Decisions to outsource production almost
4 never take into account the loss of jobs and the ad-
5 verse economic impact it has on communities
6 throughout America. In a time when the economy is
7 in recession, the Nation cannot afford to lose more
8 manufacturing jobs.

9 (7) EADS is supported largely by European
10 subsidies designed to put American competitors that
11 do not rely on similar revenue sources at a disadvan-
12 tage in an effort to command market share. The
13 United States currently has a World Trade Organi-
14 zation case pending against Airbus as a result of
15 these actions.

16 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT THAT AN AIRCRAFT USED AS AIR**
17 **FORCE ONE BE MADE IN AMERICA BY AN**
18 **AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANY.**

19 The Secretary of Defense may enter into a contract
20 for the procurement of an aircraft for use as Air Force
21 One by the President only if that aircraft is manufactured
22 in the United States by an American-owned company.

23 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF AMERICAN-OWNED COMPANY.**

24 In this Act, the term “American-owned company”
25 means a company—

1 (1) the chief executive officer of which is a cit-
2 izen of the United States;

3 (2) at least two-thirds of the board of directors
4 and other managing officers of which are citizens of
5 the United States; and

6 (3) that is under the actual control of citizens
7 of the United States.

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